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Cut B1

Frank Tatrey: My name is Frank Tatrey and I do clerical work. I listened to President Roosevelt's speech and I am behind him a hundred percent. I felt it was a very good speech and a few chosen words that hit the mark. I am a hundred percent for President Roosevelt.

Can I keep talking?

Interviewer: Yeah ???

Frank Tatrey: I think the time has come when we should all get behind our country. After all, we are all Americans and we should all be united against these dictator countries who are trying to invade our country and spoil our way of living. We are all Americans and I once more say, I am a hundred percent for President Roosevelt's speech.

Cut B2

Carl Nimkow: My name is Carl Nimkow. I came to this country three years ago from Germany. Today, when I heard the president's speech and I saw the United States enter this war, I was fully in favor of this declaration and I think that the United States' entry in this war will bring to a sooner close this great tragedy and will have a very beneficial effect to the future state of the world.

Cut B3

Albert Hemsing: My name is Albert Hemsing. I'm a student. Well, reactions to the crisis and to the president's speech are varied on our campus. There's been small discussion groups forming all day, people cutting their class to talk over the events. I've hardly had time to think just what everything means. We've been so busy here in the student council planning what our part can be, how we can best use our special skills in the national effort. I think that the most important behavior pattern for us should be to keep calm, to remember what we're fighting for. And while we're fighting Japan to remember that perhaps behind Japan there's Hitler and, since I'm a student of economics, perhaps behind Hitler there is an economic system which after the battles are won will present the real battle.